

Important Notice.

We find it necessary to call the attention of our yearly advertisers to the fact that after the 1st of January, 1856, we shall confine them strictly to their contracts, or what amounts to the same, charge extra for all over and above. Some of our advertisers have been getting out twice as much as their contracts called for; we cannot permit it any longer. See our published terms.

The editor of the Louisville Journal has undertaken to expose the Northern Fuller men for their refusal to vote for Aiken, and thereby electing Banks. Two Democrats did vote for Aiken in one point he makes, and that is comfortable. If the six Know-Nothings did no worse than the two Democrats they must be very excusable. We think that is about as good an excuse as will be made. The reasons for the two Democrats not voting for Aiken was no objection to Southern men, for they had voted for Orr and Richardson. They must have had some other reason. It was of course a poor reason, whatever it was, but it was not an objection to Southern men. It argues no unreasonableness on the great question of the day.

But the ill appearance of the defection in the small square of Know-Nothings is that, every Northern man of the faction, except perhaps one, refused to vote for Aiken. There was a reason depending on their latitude. Mason and Dixon's line divided them from their colleagues.

It is that the editor of the Journal should undertake the defense of these men. It is the mission of the editor of the Journal to frame excuses for Abolitionists. It has been the employment of his political life. He writes two columns to show that the Democrats did not want to elect their candidate, and infers from their refusal to form a coalition with the Fullerton on several occasions that they wanted Banks elected. He knows that the inference is false. Until the plurality rule was adopted in the election of 1852, the Fullerton could have accomplished anything. So when he pretends so much on that subject he is dishonest, as usual.

Just to show the recklessness of this Abolitionist, read this: We have seen of doubt that the two Democrats who voted for Mr. Aiken upon the last ballot, did vote for him from an apprehension that Mr. Aiken might be elected.

If it had appeared necessary that some Democrats should vote to elect Banks, they would have done so. We have no sort of doubt, says the editor; and nobody believes he tells the truth when he says it. It is contrary to every representation of every party at Washington. There was the highest excitement among Democrats upon the adjournment of the previous evening. They thought they had Banks beaten. So say all accounts; but the Abolitionist of the Journal has no sort of doubt that nobody at Washington believes, and he undertakes to defend these Fullerton of the defection when their own party at Washington despise their conduct, and offer no apology for it. Nobody accuses the Southern Know-Nothings with the election of Banks, but it does look singular that they could get none, or but one, of their party North to support them on their last trial, when there was no chance to elect him. The ungainly fact to Southern Know-Nothings is, that that of their Northern friends but one preferred the election of a slave to the slavery question to Banks, the Abolitionist. One sixth of the small number of Fullerton would not vote with their brethren for a Southern man, notwithstanding all the urgency of the case.

These Know-Nothings were very much insulted by the Democrats, and warned of: Well, the affront was given, the most disgraceful charge was made, by the party nominating Richardson, against the Southern Know-Nothings. "The most disgraceful charge was made," etc. The whole amount of the disgraceful charge was that of their opposition to religious liberty. They have often been terribly affronted with this charge. One of their leading members threw it in their teeth on the floor of Congress. He pronounced the anti-Catholic part of the ritual a "blot on American history."

Why don't they get off at this, a Know-Nothing brother, and at Walker? They are very ready to take offense at Democrats tell them of their sins, but they sit quiet under the small number of Fullerton who did not vote with their brethren for a Southern man, and before the world. Again the editor of the Journal says of Democrats:

The deriding party of their souls was to force, if possible, the National American and the Black Republican to join in a coalition, and to force the election of a coalition ticket between American and Free-soilers.

Well, they accomplished the purpose effectually on the election of Clerk; or rather, they saw it accomplished before a world, with no excuse or apology for it. Only Southern Know-Nothings regarded the disgusting coalition.

The truth is, the Democrats went to Congress without any expectation of electing a Speaker. They knew that it was a Know-Nothing and Abolition Congress. They knew that these parties were united all over the North. The great mass of Abolitionists were Know-Nothings, or self-styled Americans. They resolved in caucus what they had said at home, and thus went into the contest. It was the business of the opposition to elect a Speaker; they had the numbers. They had just as well have united on a Speaker as on a Clerk; and the latter they did. The Democrats had no principle to barter away for votes.

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What will the brethren do on the 22d at Philadelphia. They meet in very solemn and painful circumstances, especially those from the South. They once met, built a platform, and bared to pieces. They now meet to make nominations for the offices of President and Vice President, and they must ignore or pretermit the slavery question. If they do that, however, they lose the South in a body; if they don't do it they lose the North. There is nothing but losing in store for them. Then there is the Pope and the foreigners, upon which there is an awful division of sentiment. Beside there is the secrecy of the Order to be kept or disposed of. This was adopted at first, because the brethren were few and weak, for the sake of protection. When they get numerous and strong they can throw off all disguises. As they have become as few and weak as ever, they had better remain secret, perhaps, and hide away altogether.

There is one inviting course. They see that with a union with Abolitionists they have been able to elect a Clerk of the House. They can as easily name a President, perhaps, if the people at home would only follow up the Union; but there is no prospect of that.

The brethren will be sorely perplexed. The Northern Know-Nothings meet on the 19th; the Nationalists on the 18th. Their allies, the Black Republicans, meet at Pittsburgh on the 22d, when the Grand Sanhedron of Sam and Samba will be gathered together in Philadelphia.

What a wrangling, and contending, and intriguing, and bargaining will be there. Such a political gathering was never before seen, and will never be seen again, we hope, for the credit of human nature. A set of political charlatans at daggers point on matters of public policy, consulting how they may cheat the country and get off and spoil a monstrous accusation of spoil hunters, each ready to sell out his own country for the sake of ruling America, and convincing how he may cheat the people at home, so they may satisfy the fraud.

Let the South go the Abolition figure. They can rely on the editor of the Journal to stick to the negro. He will be the chief manager of the Underground Railroad for the accommodation of Sam and Samba in their secret visits.

In the last Congress Banks was the Know-Nothing leader, and sustained the Order in debate on the floor of the House. He was elected to the present Congress as a Know-Nothing. He has never disavowed his connection or sympathy with the Order, although called on in the House to do so. Mr. Nelson, a Know-Nothing member of Congress from New York, who in the late balloting voted for Banks, writes a letter to justify himself, in which he says:

The Councils should not forget that it was Banks who introduced the bill for the emancipation of the negro, and that during the late canvass in Massachusetts he had been elected to Congress as a Know-Nothing. He is a member of the Order, and stands up at home. This much for his Order.

A telegraphic dispatch from Washington a few days ago, said:

It is calculated that at least five hundred applicants for the Order of the Know-Nothing are operating in the State of Georgia. This is the man who is wanted for his life. The fellow that met at Philadelphia last June was opposed to this will hunt. The racials wanted all the offices themselves, and thought by their platform to drag others from the scramble. The brethren are not to be cheated by such shallow devices.

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Trick ice.—The ice on James river is said to be twenty inches thick.

Truces have been very successfully cultivated in Pennsylvania.

DEBT OF THE UNITED STATES.—The total debt of the United States is \$38,890,150 57.

The Blaine House at Crawfordville, Ind., was destroyed by fire on Friday night.

A new county in Texas has been named after the Hon. Henry A. Wise, of Virginia.

Don Rice, the universal favorite of the juveniles, is at Boston.

Some of the Hindu papers are out for Doniphan for the Presidency.

When a woman is in love she may be said to be profoundly learned, because she understands the arts and signs—ones.

Some of the Hyetia Know-Nothings have petitioned the Legislature for the formation of a colored military corps in that city.

The San Antonio Herald has an onion raised at El Paso, Texas, weighing two pounds and eleven ounces.

Father Mathew is now one of the missionaries of the Church of Rome in the Fejee Islands.

The Know-Nothings in Washington have appointed a committee to ascertain whether Washington was really born on the 23d February.

An attempt was made, on the night of the 9th inst., to assassinate Dennis Corcoran, one of the editors of the New Orleans Delta.

INTERESTING STATISTICS.—There are five hundred miles of streets and one thousand miles of pavements in New York.

Wendell Phillips says no Yankee is satisfied with the truth, unless you prove it is worth eight or ten per cent.

Barren, some think, is playing "possum"; after buying up his own paper at fifty per cent discount, will laugh at his financiering device.

The Detroit Free Press warns the public of Michigan and other States against the Bank of Jackson county, and the Bank of Tecumseh, denouncing both as wild cat of the worst sort.

All the world is a valentine today. Up to the close of the past night, one thousand four hundred and sixty-two of these dainty packages were placed in the office for distribution.

CONVICTION OF A JUDGE.—Judge Bogert, one of the police justices of New York City, has been convicted of wilfully and knowingly liberating a notorious pick-pocket upon straw bail.

Letters from Macon, Georgia, state that "the weather there has been awful." The cold has not been so intense for fifty years as it was during January.

A dog who had lost the whole of her interesting family had been trying to poke a piece of rope through the door-handle of one of the sausage shops up town the other day.

The telegraph relayed as yesterday morning with a "missed note" of Old Bull's content at Pittsburgh. That's right. Give us all the important news!

The total number of detentions in jails and houses of correction, in Massachusetts, for the past year, is 10,624; for adultery, 321; for intemperance, 8,224; for murder, 93; for rape, 0.

THE SOUTHERN BANK.—The Boston Times says that the receivers do not expect, with the assets of the bank, to extinguish all liabilities.

The Northern Bee, a Kansas journal, says that during the war, the gold trophies of England and France are black craves and mourning dresses.

GENERAL LITTLEFINGER.—They have a young gentleman in Boston, five years old, compared with whom, General Tom Thumb is a giant. His weight is less than ten pounds, and he is becoming smaller every day.

Thirty shares of stock in Northern Bank of Kentucky were sold in Philadelphia on the 17th inst., at \$112 25.

Thirty shares of stock in Farmers' Bank of Kentucky were sold at the same time at \$105.

The Rev. Mr. Bank of Lexington has received a call from the Second Presbyterian Church of this city. The Presbytery has not yet decided whether to release him from his present charge.

If it is true that very warm summers always follow severe winters, we shall still be blessed next summer, in the great accumulation of ice that have been gathered by the people in that line of business in this city.

SWINSIE.—A fine poker exercised several individuals, for half an hour, on Third street, yesterday night, to the music of "Hill's Blues and there she goes."

The row was captured.

We regret to learn, that the dwelling house of Alexander M. Riggs, in Owen county, was totally destroyed by fire on the 8th inst., together with all its furniture. The loss we have not heard stated.

Deafened women are becoming abundant in Louisville. A friend informs us that he saw no less than a dozen on the streets yesterday. He thinks there could have been no mistake as to the sex, their cheeks were worn with such grace.

As an act of justice, we will say that our informant does not belong to the Sarratral fraternity.

For the Poor.

It affords us pleasure to announce in another column a grand musical festival for the benefit of the poor. We have no doubt but the entertainment will be equal to anything of the kind ever witnessed in this city, and it will be the duty of all who are charitably disposed to lend their aid more strongly to our hearty than the destitution and suffering of the widows and orphans of the city.

A fellow who signs himself "Junius Junior," dates a letter from Smithland, Ky., to the Memphis Whig, in which he furnishes sundry scraps of information. The following is decidedly malicious:

"We have no stone in our backs, and no guile in our hearts. A gentleman started to Nashville on a mule yesterday, and a lady came down a-foot from the Simpson, seven miles above—a little boy following her with a sled drawn by a yoke of calves, conveying her trunk."

THE PARIS CORRESPONDENT OF THE LONDON PRESS says:

I believe I am correct in asserting that the government of England and France have already taken into consideration the necessity of being prepared to name a city in which the negotiations for peace shall take place. Both cabinets are agreed, I hear, that it shall not be a German town, and in all probability Paris will be fixed upon as affording the envoys of the allies the best opportunity of immediate access to headquarters. The Emperor being so near at hand, under such circumstances, create the utmost confidence in France, and Lord Palmerston's personal attendance would, no doubt, be equally assuring to the people of England.

The Vienna correspondent of the Times says: "The most strenuous efforts are now being made to induce England not to insist on Russia's disarmament, but to insist on Austria's disarmament. In diplomatic circles complaints are made of the 'incoercible obstinacy' (unbegreifliche Sturheit) displayed by Sir Hamilton Seymour in this matter, and many therefore think that it would be not consider it advisable that Great Britain should obey the behests of a power which will largely partake of the danger of the war. It is clearly understood that the councils of the Allied Powers are to be followed to reside at the different Russian cities, the black eagle, and the red eagle, Austria also agrees with the Western Powers in thinking that Russia must pledge herself never again to fortify the Alpine States. The Austrians are not so ready to do this, but the delicacy of peace signed of hand, but it is foreseen that the Russian Government will not consent to do so, until a perfectly clear and satisfactory interpretation has been given to the fifth proposition."

The Official Gazette of Verona and Milan, in discussing the substance of the dispatches from Vienna and Paris of the last two days, are by no means inclined to place any faith in peace resulting immediately from the present Russian acceptance of the Austro-Western proposals, as they regard their readers of the unsatisfactory conclusion of the negotiations of last year, and they are the captivities of the tone of the St. Petersburg Gazette to the menacing attitude of that of Vienna now.

A letter from Vienna, in the Frankfort Journal, says: "As to the conference, it appears certain that they cannot commence before the middle of February. Prince Gortschakov has presented a desire not to take part in them. Dispatches were yesterday received from St. Petersburg, London, and Paris, which were immediately communicated to Count Schusslanoff, the Austrian Ambassador. It was announced to the Austrian Government that orders had been sent to the General commanding the Russian troops to march to the frontier, and to establish the necessary lines of demarcation between the different armies."

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